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For: TROCAR FOR USE IN DEPLOYING)
AN ANASTOMOSIS DEVICE AND)
METHOD OF PERFORMING)
ANASTOMOSIS)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

✓ Please cancel Claims 1-33 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add new Claims 34-60 as follows:

34. (New) A device for performing an anastomosis procedure between a graft vessel and a target vessel, the device configured to form an opening in a wall of a target vessel and deliver an anastomosis device to the opening, the anastomosis device deformable to a deployed state, the device comprising:

a deployment tool;

a sheath connected to said deployment tool, said sheath including a cutting element at a distal end;

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